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Applicant : Betty Wu et al. Art Unit : 1743
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Title : METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR RELEASING INTRACELLULAR
MATERIAL FROM CELLS WITHIN MICROFLUIDIC SAMPLES OF FLUIDS

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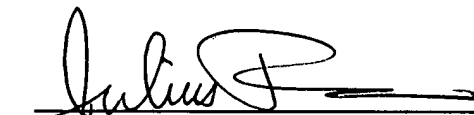
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Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated May 18, 2004, be extended for two months to and including October 18, 2004.

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Respectfully submitted,

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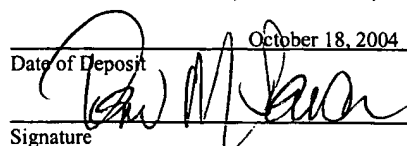

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